



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: JOSEPH E. THOMPSON AND JOEL L. BOLES

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For: GELLED HYDROCARBON COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR USE THEREOF

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**I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED OCTOBER 25, 2002**

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2002 for which the three-month date for response is January 25, 2002.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$180.00 for the addition of 10 claims in excess of twenty. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, however, should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from O'Keefe, Egan & Peterman's Deposit Account No. 10-1205/BJSC:286.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.